Sterling Middle School Scope and Sequence

Internal Document



HUMANITIES – Year 2



Cycle 1: Power & Potential	
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts
 Individual Rights 	o Identity & Values
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment
What are our values and rights?	NC Language Arts Standards:
Skills: Memoir Writhing, Historical Thinking Skills, Working with Primary Sources, Sentence Formation, Socratic Seminar	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative Writing (W.3).
Reading: Personal Reading Focus	NC Social Studies Standards:
Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 C.1. Understand how cultural values influence relationships between individuals, groups and political entities in modern societies and regions, H.1 Use historical thinking to analyze various modern societies.

Cycle 2: Forces & Validation	
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts
o Immigration	o Community & Boundaries
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment
How do we define home? Why do people move?	NC Language Arts Standards:
Skills: Expository Writing, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Socratic Seminar, Overall Reading & Discussion Focus	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Informative Writing (W.2).
Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text Seminars (Refugee)	NC Social Studies Standards:
Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 In addition to previous block's standards: 7.H.2 Understand the implications of global interactions, G.1 Understand how geography, demographic trends, and environmental conditions shape modern societies and regions, 7.G.2 Apply the tools of a geographer to understand modern societies and regions.

Cycle 3: Balance & Equity		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
 National Identity 	Social Mobility	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
Is the American Dream still alive today?	NC Language Arts Standards:	
Skills: Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Information/ Persuasive Writing, Paragraphing & Revision, Mini-Debate, Socratic Seminar, Oral History Project	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Argument Writing (W.1). 	
Reading: Book Clubs (Choices TBD)	NC Social Studies Standards:	
Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 In addition to previous blocks' standards: E.1 Understand the economic activities of modern societies and regions, 7.C&G.1 Understand the development of government in modern societies and regions. 	

Cycle 4: Changes & Revolution	
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts
o Power	o Voice
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment
How do we affect social change?	NC Language Arts Standards:
Skills: Multi-genre Project & Portfolio, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Socratic Seminar Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text (TBD)	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative and Multigenre Writing (W.3).
Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning	NC Social Studies Standards:
(causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 In addition to previous blocks' standards: 8.C&G.2 Understand the role that citizen participation plays in societal change. H.3. Understand the factors that contribute to change and continuity (including NC/US)